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SUBJECT: LATIN AMERICA BRIEF

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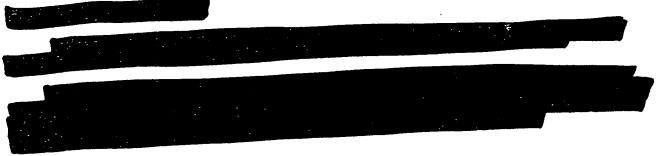
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ARISTIDE DOUBTFUL, APPREHENSIVE

PRIME MINISTER MALVAL

HE IS TRYING TO PERSUADE ARISTIDE TO PUT ASIDE HIS DISTRUST OF THE MILITARY AND ACCEPT THE CRISIS COMMITTEE'S PROPOSALS. ACCORDING TO MALVAL, ARISTIDE BELIEVES A PARLIAMENTARY QUORUM ANY TIME SO(N IS IMPOSSIBLE BECAUSE ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS WILL KEEP HIS SUPPORTERS FROM PARTICIPATING. PRO-ARISTIDE LEGISLATORS ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT THEY WOULD NOT CONVENE TODAY. ARISTIDE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A GENERAL AMNESTY WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE FUTURE COUPPLOTS, ACCORDING TO THE EMBASSY.



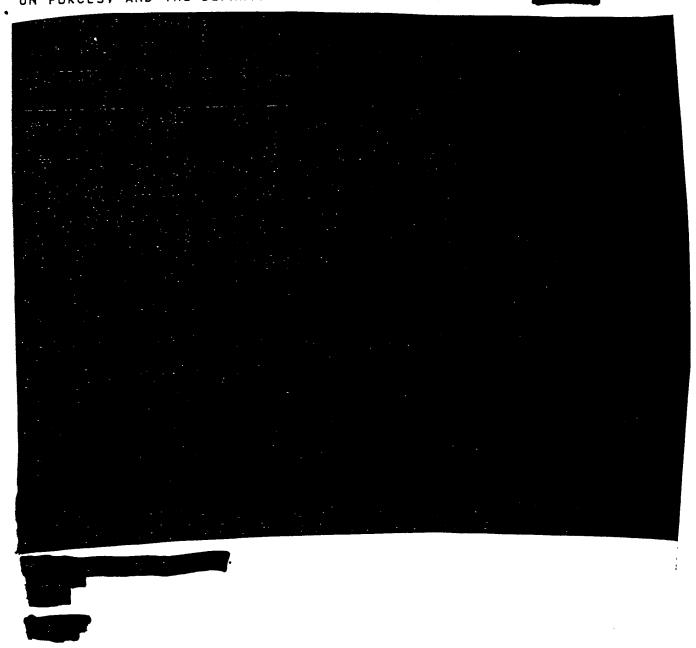
MALVAL, CEDRAS STILL TALKING

THE DAY BEFORE WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE. ACCORDING TO MALVAL, CEDRAS WAS WILLING TO RESIGN AFTER ARISTIDE NAMED, AND THE SENATE APPROVED, A NEW, PERMANENT ARMED FORCES CHIEF. IN A PUBLIC STATEMENT, HOWEVER, CEDRAS TIED HIS RESIGNATION TO THE VOTE ON THE AMNESTY LAW. MALVAL THAT CEDRAS MIGHT ACCEPT THE DEPLOYMENT OF US TRAINERS ARMED WITH M-16S SO LONG AS MALVAL EXPLAINS THE PURPOSE OF THE MISSION BEFORE ANY DEPLOYMENT. MALVAL AND CEDRAS MET AGAIN YESTERDAY AND REPORTEDLY WILL DO SO AGAIN TOMORROW.

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COMMENT: NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MALVAL AND <u>CEDRAS</u> FACE FORMIDABLE OBSTACLES. NEITHER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO DELIVER ON KEY ELEMENTS OF SETTLEMENTS, INCLUDING AMNESTY FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL, SECURITY FOR UN FORCES, AND THE DEPARTURE OF POLICE CHIEF FRANCOIS.



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